

James - Living whole in a fractured world

Whole people guard their words

James 1:19-26, 3:1-12

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The following questions are intended to use in discussion and application of the past week's sermon.

Listening

What part of the sermon was most helpful to you or challenged you to think and/or live differently? How will you apply this message to your life?

Engaging

What is a 'curse'? Have someone read James 3:9-10. Especially if a person invokes the name of God in derision against another person, it is especially heinous. Discuss how this is a form of breaking the commandment 'Do not use the name of the LORD in vain'.

Paul tells us in Galatians 5:22-23 what the fruits, the evidence and result of the presence of the Spirit are. Have someone read this passage and consider the situations you have seen these fruits and how we might welcome and cultivate the Spirit's work more in our own lives.

Applying

Be quick to listen – Who do you know that is a good listener? How are they able to do that? What impact does it have on the relationships they have with others?

Be slow to speak – Discuss why it can be so difficult for some of us to be patient in everyday situations with our speech.

Be slow to be angry – Emotions are not a bad thing, but they need to be guarded with self-control. What helps you navigate situations where anger is prevalent?

Praying

In light of this message and discussion:

How can we pray for each other?
Where do you feel challenged or convicted?
What can we praise God for?
How can we pray for our church?